

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Formalities

With respect to Applicant's claim for priority, the Examiner incorrectly states that a certified copy was filed in the parent application, 057568/2001 Japan. Applicant submits that JP 057568/2001 is the priority document for this application and was filed with this application. Applicant also requests that the Examiner check the appropriate boxes on the Office Action Summary sheet in the next Office Action.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that the drawings filed on March 1, 2001, have been accepted. However, the Examiner incorrectly states the filing date of the drawings the body of the Office Action (the date on the Office Action Summary sheet is correct).

II. Objections to the Specification and Title

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure because of minor informalities and to the title of the invention for lack of descriptiveness.

Applicant submits that the modifications to the title and specification obviate the objections.

III. Claims Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jackson *et al.* (US 2002/0105658) ["Jackson"] in view of Fredlund *et al.* (US 5,66,215) ["Fredlund"]. For at least the following reasons, Applicant traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 recites a data management method comprising “displaying on a display means an icon corresponding to a data management unit with which data can be registered ... [and] registering the data with the data management unit by carrying out a drag-and-drop operation for the data onto the icon.”

The Examiner contends that the claimed displaying of an icon to corresponds to “displaying on screen a set of data, which can be icons.” Office Action at page 4.

“All words in a claim must be considered in judging the patentability of that claim against the prior art.” *In re Wilson*, 424 F.2d 1382, 1385, 165 USPQ 494, 496 (CCPA 1970).

Here, the Examiner is clearly ignoring that claim 1 recites that the claimed displaying is of an icon corresponding to a data management unit with which data can be registered by carrying out a drag-and-drop operation for the data onto the icon. The mere fact that the registered data can also be represented and displayed as icons cannot anticipate or make obvious the displaying of the claimed icon since Jackson’s data icons do not perform the claimed registration.

Jackson discloses that a home computer system 10 uses a web browser to communicate with a fulfillment center 40 that is used to perform the steps of transferring images from the home computer system 10 and creating and shipping a photo product (see paragraphs 0025 and 0027). Jackson also discloses that images are uploaded to the fulfillment center 40 by using a display screen 400 as shown in Fig. 7 (see paragraph 0039).

Thus, to the extent Jackson may disclose the registering of data, it is with a display screen, not by using an icon corresponding to the data management unit. In addition, there is no

disclosure or suggestion that the display screen is even displayed as an icon. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the Examiner's interpretation is clearly incorrect since Jackson does not disclose or suggest that an "icon corresponding to a data management unit" be used to register data in any manner.

In addition, the Examiner concedes that the claimed drag-and-drop operation is not disclosed by Jackson, but applies Fredlund to allegedly cure the deficiency.

Fredlund discloses that images on a film 18 may be displayed in a display area 56 by using a standard drag and drop operation (col. 5, lines 19-40, Figs. 1A and 3). The display screen is used to enter all necessary order information (col. 5, lines 47-49). The images on a film 18 are initially sent to a photo finisher, which develops the film, scans the film and stores the scanned images (see col. 2, lines 28-31). Thus, Fredlund discloses that images are registered by storing scanned images. However, there is no disclosure or suggestion that the registering is done by a drag-and-drop operation onto an icon.

The Examiner's reliance on the drag and drop for displaying images on an ordering screen is misplaced since the images on film 18 would have already been registered in order to even appear on the ordering screen shown in Fig. 3. Thus, at most, the Examiner's cited section would disclose the displaying of images on a display screen by using a drag and drop operation, not the claimed drag-and-drop operation for registering data.

Accordingly, Jackson and Fredlund (taken alone or in combination) do not disclose or suggest the claimed data management unit icon or the claimed registering of data "by carrying out a drag-and-drop operation for the data onto the icon" as set forth in claim 1.

Because claims 4 and 7 recites features similar to those described above with respect to claim 1, Applicant submits that these claims are patentable for at least reasons similar to those given above with respect to claim 1.

Applicant submits that claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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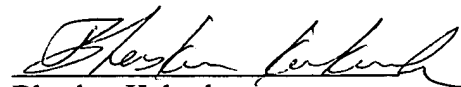
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